

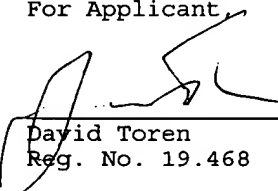
claim 6 would raise new issues under 35 U.S.C. §112, paragraphs 1 and 2, with respect to the definition of hyperpolymeric hemoglobin molecules.

The Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the final paragraph on page 7 in the specification. It is clearly stated that the upper molecular weight of a quaternary structured hemoglobin is 500,000. Therefore, it follows that, the terms of amended claim 6, namely, quaternary hyperpolymeric hemoglobin as well as hyperpolymeric hemoglobin, as it relates to quaternary hyperpolymeric hemoglobin, are aptly defined in the specification.

The Applicant respectfully contends that claim 6, as amended, does not raise new issues nor does it render the application problematic under 35 U.S.C. §112. Rather claim 6 relies on information previously disclosed. However, for the purpose of increased clarity, the Applicant has amended the specification at page 8 to reiterate the upper weight range of quaternary molecules, namely, 500,000. Claim 6 states that the hyperpolymers are up to several hundred times the weight of the quaternary molecules. No new matter has been either relied upon or introduced.

Favorable action on the present application is respectfully requested.

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